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For: <i>Cell Regulatory Genes, Encoded Products, and Uses Related Thereto</i>	Attorney Docket No.: H MV-38.02

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2002, Applicant submits this Response and Amendment. A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time is submitted concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(3), please replace claims 2, 4, 6 and 10 with claims 2, 4, 6 and 10 as set forth below, and add new claims 15-22. A marked-up version of the claims showing the changes made to the claims follows the Remarks section of this Response.

2. (Amended) A method for detecting malignant carcinoma, comprising:

(a) obtaining a tissue sample from a patient;

(b) determining the level of a p63 gene product in said patient sample;

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